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SUBJECT: SOMOZA AND PAGUAGA ISSUE STATEMENT ON POLITICAL PACT

1. GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA, PRESIDENT OF THE LIBERAL PARTY (PLN) AND DR. EDMUNDO PAGUAGA, PRESIDENT OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY (PCN-P), ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AND RADIO ON FEBRUARY 7: QUOTE THEY (SOMOZA AND PAGUAGA) RATIFY THEIR DECISION TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE POLITICAL CONVENTION AGREED TO ON MARCH 28, 1971 BETWEEN THE TWO GRAND PARTIES, WHICH THEY CONTINUE TO REGARD AS AN ADEQUATE INSTRUMENT FOR DEMOCRATIC IMPROVEMENT.

THEY NOTE THAT THE LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE HONORABLE NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WILL ON THE TWELFTH OF FEBRUARY PRESENT THE TEXTS OF PROPOSALS OF THE POLITICAL CONSTITUTION, WHICH HAVE BEEN DRAFTED AND INTRODUCED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING DISCUSSIONS FOR APPROVAL OF THE NEW POLITICAL

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CONSTITUTION.

THEY ARE CURRENTLY MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROACHES TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO OBTAIN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH REGARD TO ELECTORAL LEGISLATION.

THEY, AFTER REVIEWING THE CONTRACTED AGREEMENTS, PRONOUNCE THEMSELVES SATISFIED WITH THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE POLITICAL CONVENTION BETWEEN THEIR PARTIES, WHICH TOGETHER REPRESENT THE HISTORIC MAJORITY OF OUR NATION. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: ACCEPTING THE REALITY OF THEIR PRESENT WEAK POSITION, THE PAGUAGA CONSERVATIVES HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR SOME TIME TO OBTAIN FROM SOMOZA A STATEMENT OF HIS INTENTION TO COMPLY WITH THE PACT AS WELL AS PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF ITS MORE IMPORTANT PROVISIONS. IN GIVING HIS RAFFIRMATION SOMOZA HAS OBTAINED FROM THE CONSERVATIVES AN EXPRESSION OF THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE STATUS OF THE PACT'S OBSERVANCE TO DATE. THE ACTIONS PROMISED BY SOMOZA ARE HARDLY CONCESSIONS SINCE, WITH ELECTIONS APPROACHING, THE CONSTITUTION MUST BE PROMULGATED SOON AND THE REVISION OF ELECTORAL LEGISLATION IS ONE OF THE LESSER REFORMS CALLED FOR IN THE PACT.

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